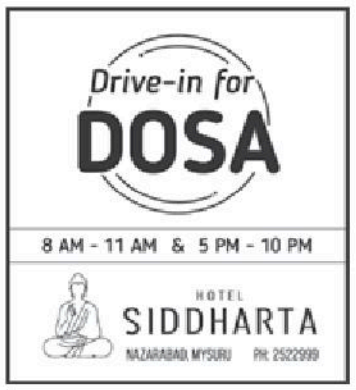

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Novelist Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa for Dasara inauguration

CM holds High Power Committee Meet in B'luru

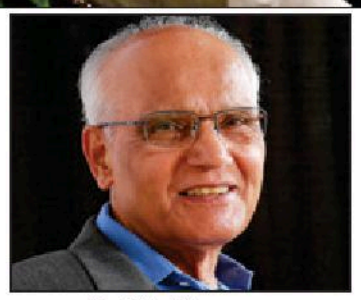
Bengaluru, Aug.14 (KMS& DM)- The Dasara High Power Committee, which met at the Conference Hall in the Third Floor of Vidhana Soudha here this afternoon, decided to invite noted novelist and *Saraswathi Samman* awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa of Mysuru to inaugurate this year's festivities atop the Chamundi Hill on Sept.29.

The Dasara-2019 meeting, chaired by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, was on when we went to the Press.

The meeting, which was scheduled to take place at 12.30 pm, started 45 minutes late as the CM was pre-occupied with other important engagements.

Addressing the meeting, Chief Minister Yediyurappa called for celebrating the *Nada Habba* Dasara in simple but traditional manner this year, as most parts of the State were reeling under unprecedented floods, while four districts were facing drought.

However, all cultural programmes and other events associated with Dasara will continue, he said.



Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa

Pointing out that tourists will throng Mysuru during Dasara, Yediyurappa directed the authorities to also focus on improving facilities and infrastructure, in keeping with the heritage city's hospitality standards.

He asked the officials to work cautiously at a time when people are devastated and distressed by floods, which has wreaked havoc in the State.

The meeting, which was earlier scheduled for Aug. 9, was postponed due to the flood situation that prevailed in most parts of Karnataka.

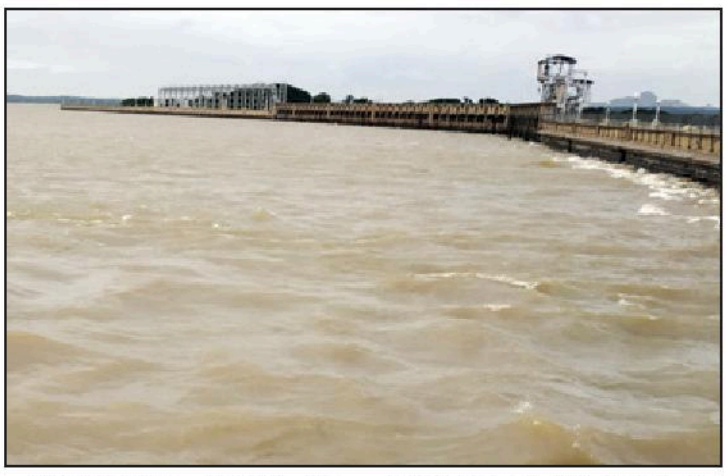
Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, ADC B.R. Poornima, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, ZP CEO K. Jyothi, ZP President Parimala Shyam, SP C.B. Ryshyanth, MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaju, who also holds additional charge of MCC Commissioner, MLAs Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, L. Nagendra, S.A. Ramdas and Tanveer Sait, other MLAs and MLCs and a host of top officials from all concerned Departments are attending the meeting at the State capital.

At last, Pratap Simha succeeds

It may be recalled, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha had been urging the previous State Governments to invite Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa for Dasara inauguration since the past two to three years as it would also be an honour to the Kannada literary world, with Dr. Bhyrappa making enormous contributions.

KRS Dam Full

Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary returning to normalcy; Ban on tourist entry continues



Srirangapatna, Aug.14- The KRS dam is almost full following heavy rains in Kodagu district and just over half-a-feet is left to touch the maximum level of 124.80 feet. The water level today was recorded at 124.10 feet.

Due to the floods in Kodagu, 41 feet of water has flown into the reservoir from Aug.5. On the same day, the water level was 83.50 feet. As the water was flowing from Hemavathy reservoir, it was being released into the river. From Monday, since the inflow has decreased, the outflow has been reduced.

On Tuesday evening, the inflow was 54,496 cusecs and outflow 43,093 cusecs. Last year, on Aug.7, the reservoir was filled to the brim. Since the KRS is full, the farmers in the river basin areas are rejoicing.

Meanwhile, the world famous Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary near Srirangapatna is returning to normalcy and the officials are heaving a sigh of relief.

As a result of increase in outflow from KRS, the Sanctuary was submerged on Saturday last and even the officials and staff were stranded. However, the entry to visitors is banned for another three to four days.

HOLIDAY

Our offices will remain closed tomorrow on account of 73rd Independence Day. Hence, there will be no issue of *Star of Mysore* dated 15.8.2019.

— Management

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Mysuru, Wednesday 14th August 2019

Social *self*-service

Citizens with impressive track record of doing good in various activities in the cause of making life of people at large free of their life's woes used to be recognised and honoured with titles appropriate to their field of excellence by the monarchs of the erstwhile Princely State of Mysore. The practice ceased from the time monarchy merged with the democratic dispensation with the dawn of Independence from colonial rule seven decades ago. Mysureans in their advanced age can recollect the names of such titles like *Raja Seva Dhureena, Dharma Rathnakara* and so on.

The citizens who were thus honoured could proudly prefix these titles to their names and the citizenry took care to accord them importance in public functions, signalling total societal acknowledgement of their esteem. As if to carry on with that now defunct practices, the State Government has introduced Rajyotsava Awards. While the number of citizens bestowed royal recognition in the days past could be counted in single digit, the awardees *honoured* by the Government of the day in the State are virtually dime-a-dozen, considerably lowering their societal image itself.

In addition to awarding titles to achievers in specific fields of human endeavour, both the royalties and institutions devoted to spiritual pursuits are known to have honoured luminaries in various fields such as literature, music, sports and heroic deeds, particularly in times of threat to the country's safety and sovereignty.

Honouring citizens nationally and regionally seems to have suffered from the factor of political patronage on many occasions. On one such occasion some years ago one of the awardees in the State happened to be a shamiana contractor creating a feeling of embarrassment for other awardees with societal recognition and adoration of their track record. On a cursory observation of the areas of work in which the awardees have excelled, one gets the gut feeling that two fields, namely, agriculture and ecology, have not been bestowed same level of recognition as many other fields such as literature, sports and arts.

The authority and decision-making for identifying the achievers to be honoured with Rajyotsava Awards, admittedly is exercised by the elected representatives of people in posts of the Government. So far, so good. The too-well-known feature of these same worthies, barring exceptions, amassing wealth carved out of public funds in amounts that are anybody's guess can be euphemistically called *social self-service (!)*, truly a highly paying pursuit (!!).

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Police personnel in Vellore, 126 kms from Chennai, last week blocked a stretch of a road, ostensibly for public good. They were protesting the fact that more often than not two-wheeler riders did not wear helmets and many a time they rode vehicles that did not have insurance. A senior Police official picked up the microphone installed in his vehicle and advised people on the merits of insurance and dangers of helmet-less rides. He said in the very first month of taking charge he had to dispose of nearly 15 bodies, all victims of accidents involving two-wheelers. At the end of his speech, he had a warning — henceforth, every violator will pay a Rs. 250 fine and "spend" half a day at his Police Station. *— In Business Standard*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Employees forced to eat live fish, drink blood

Guizhou: A company in Guizhou, China, has come under severe criticism for forcing employees to eat live mud fish and drink chicken blood for failing to meet their targets.

News of the extreme punishment broke out after a video of the ordeal was leaked online. It showed a man handing out live mud fish from a plastic bucket to about two dozen employees and instructing them to "bite it until it breaks." The video also shows the poor people drinking a strange liquid reported to be chicken blood, and then grimacing and retching in discussed.

A representative of the company said that the incident did indeed take place on Aug. 4 and involved about 20 employees who had failed to meet their sales quotas. However, he emphasized that employees volunteered to eat live fish and drink chicken blood, as a form of motivation to do better in the future.

Youth unhappy with birthday car brand, dumps it into river

Yamuna Nagar: A youth, expecting a Jaguar sports car as a birthday present from his parents received a brand new BMW instead, was so angry with his present that he decided to throw it in the river.

The name and age of the angry teen who couldn't come to terms with receiving the wrong brand of luxury car are not known, but several Indian sources have reported that he hails from the Yamuna Nagar in Haryana and is the son of a local landlord.

Luxury cars like Jaguar, Audi, BMW or Mercedes-Benz have become a common sight in Haryana, with many land owners buying them with money received from the government in exchange for land to be used for various infrastructure projects. Such cars are often abandoned shortly after being acquired, due to high maintenance costs, but in this case, the owner simply didn't like the brand.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Is there a natural remedy for constipation?

A 4-week Texas A&M study has revealed that mangoes may be more effective than powdered fibre at relieving constipation. Participants ate about 300 grams of mango per day, equivalent to 2 cups or 1 mango.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Apollo Emergency Care Centre in Nanjangud

Mysuru, Aug. 14- Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, a 19-year-old healthcare establishment and also a part of prestigious Apollo Group of Hospitals, Chennai, having more than 72 Hospitals all over India, has started its **Apollo Emergency Care Centre** in Nanjangud to give immediate medical attention to people in case of any medical emergencies.

"Medical emergencies like Stroke, Heart Attack, Road Traffic Accidents or any trauma cases come uninvited and if not attended to it with precision care then it will be fatal. This centre will not only help the people of Nanjangud but also help nearby corporates to avail medical emergency services 24x7, 365 days. This is not just any or another health centre in the city of Nanjangud but a full-fledged, fully equipped emergency care centre where specialist and expert doctors with immense track record in emergency care and trained paramedics will be available round-the-clock for all kinds of medical emergencies," said N.G. Bharateesha Reddy, Vice-President and Unit Head, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru.

Apollo Emergency Care Centre, Nanjangud, is located on MGS Road, 14th Cross, RP Road, for easy access. The clinic was inaugurated on Aug.12 and is operational since then.

Apollo BGS Hospitals offer best medical outcomes for patients and plans to send its patients through dedicated ambulance service that is stationed at Apollo Emergency Care Centre, Nanjangud.

Really...?

- ***Gordon Dam was constructed in 1974 by Hydro Tasmania across the River Gordon for generating hydroelectricity. The resulting reservoir is known as Lake Gordon. The curved dam wall is 198 meters long and 140 meters high, making it the fifth tallest dam in Australia. The water descends 183 meters into the underground power station to turn three turbines generating up to 432 megawatts of power. Though it's not the tallest or the biggest of dams, it does offer a dizzying view from the stairs leading to the walkway atop the wall.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Rosy to Rita: *Why are you wearing the wedding ring on the wrong finger?*
Rita: *To publicise my marriage to the wrong person !!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 70.09
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 85.48
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.30
1 Euro	= Rs.79.22

VOICE OF THE READER

Remembering the time I was lathi-charged by Maharaja's Police

Sir,

Reading in yesterday's *SOM* a write-up about ***"Tracing Mysore's Footprints of Freedom Struggle,"*** to recall the past in connection with the 73rd Independence Day celebrations tomorrow (Aug. 15), my thoughts went down the memory lane to the year 1947-48.

Those two years I was a resident-student of Gurukula Ashram, Kengeri, near Bengaluru, where education was imparted to children from across all caste, creed and religion on the lines of ancient vedic study. As I remember, many freedom fighters used to come to the Ashram late in the night to have food and sleep and leave early in the morning before the sun-break to escape arrest. When India got Independence, there was a grand celebration in the Ashram.

I remember, the Swamiji, the head of the Ashram, appearing on the stage to preside over the function. That day there was a feast in the Ashram, for breakfast, lunch and dinner with unlimited quantity of food.

Just about a month later, our Head Master, one Hanumantha Rao, collected about 100 students, who as usual were wearing blue shorts and white short-sleeved shirts made of Khaddar and a white cap, taking us to the Kengeri town. There at the Government School, by the side of the main road (I guess the building stands even today), the Indian National Flag was hoisted. We were made to salute the Flag as we sang the *Jana Gana Mana...* Anthem. Suddenly, there appeared a posse of Police wielding lathi on us and we ran for our dear life helter-skelter. Later we were told it was Mysore Maharaja's Police. The Maharaja had not joined the Indian Union, so the Police action.

Then came the sad day when we learnt of Mahatma Gandhi's assassination on Jan.30, 1948. The following day, early in the morning, we had difficulty in recognising our Swamiji as he had shaved off his head and beard. The Ashram had arranged shaving of heads for all the boys of the school and other Ashramites also. I was a witness to the Swamiji breaking down and shedding tears as he was addressing the students and the Ashramites. Such was his personal sorrow and for a week there was total melancholy and gloom in and around the Ashram.

—K.B. Ganapathy,
Editor-in-Chief

Mysuru
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Award for Dr. AVN

Mysuru, Aug.14- Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra, Chairman and *Star of Mysore* columnist Dr. A.V. Narasimha Murthy (AVN) has been selected for the award given by Haveri's Galaganatha and N.S. Raja Purohita Foundation. The award, carrying a cash prize of Rs.50,000 and a citation, will be presented to him at a programme to be held at B.M. Sri auditorium in Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), University of Mysore, on Aug.26 at 10.30 am.

Free health camp

Mysuru, Aug.14- A free heart, eye, yoga prana vidya, ayurveda and dental screening camp has been organised at the premises of Sri Kantimallanna Kalyana Mandira on Kabir Road in city on Aug.20 from 9.30 am to 2 pm. The camp is organised by Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha, NJS Charitable Trust and Lions Club of Mysore Heritage City. For details, contact Mob: 99161-55453.

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N.M. Ganapathy

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Mada Ceremony has been arranged at **Hotel Simply Kodavas, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, on August 17 (Saturday) at 11.45 am.** Please treat this as a personal invitation, attend the ceremony and pray for the departed soul.

—Nadikerianda Vimala Ganapathy and Family. Mob: 8088365808

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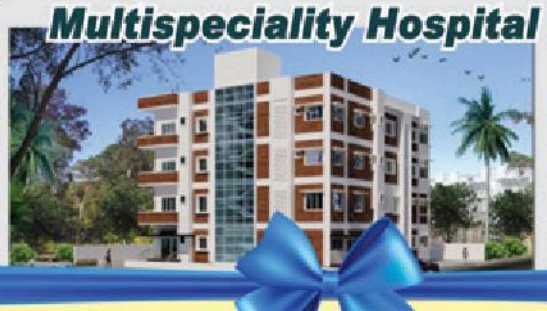

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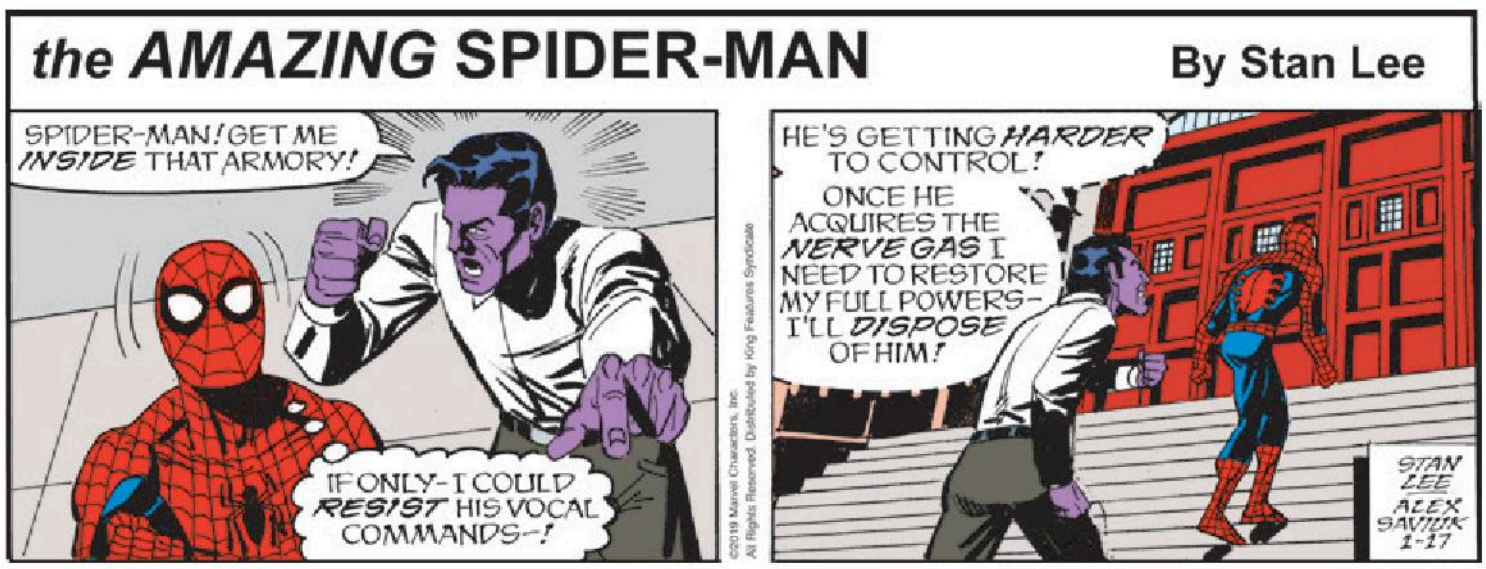
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NEWS BRIEFS

Poets Meet

'Abhiruchi' has organised a Poets Meet and lectures on 'Floods' at Big Bees Montessori School on Jodi Basava Temple Road in Kuvempunagar at 4 pm tomorrow (Aug.15). Prof. K. Bhyravamurthy will inaugurate. Jayappa Honnali, Dr. Y.D. Rajanna and Dr. Leela Prakash will be the chief guests. 'Abhiruchi' Secretary N.V. Ramesh will preside. [Mob: 98455-65238]

Shravani Upakarma

Arya Samaj has organised Shravani Upakarma at the Samaj premises, No.1965/1, Kothwal Ramaiah Street, Devaraj Mohalla, at 10 am on Aug.15.

KDP meeting

The Karnataka Development Programme (KDP) meeting will be held at Taluk Panchayat office in Mini Vidhana Soudha on Aug.16 at 11 am. TP President Kalamma Kemparamaiah will preside.

Annual Meeting

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Shramikara Pattina Sahakara Sangha Niyamita, having office near Abhishek Circle, Vijayanagar Main Road, MG Koppal, will be held at Samudaya Bhavan, beside Ganapati Temple, Subramanyanagar, Hebbal 3rd Stage in city at 10.30 am tomorrow.

Office-bearers

Following are the new office-bearers of 'Ranjana Ranga,' a sports, cultural and entertainment group of the city, Hootagalli: President - M. Vijayakumar; Vice-President - H.S. Ravikumar; Secretary - B.L. Panchalingaiah; Joint Secretary - M. Yogesh; Treasurer - G.L. Puttasubbanna; Executive Committee Members - B. Kumar, L. Nagaraju, L.E. Bylapattar, Manjegowda, Muthuraj and H.K. Ramesh.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.10 ft
Yesterday	123.90 ft
Inflow	38,844 cusecs
Outflow	32,278 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,282.58 ft
Inflow	30,027 cusecs
Outflow	33,708 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,856.73 ft
Inflow	7,077 cusecs
Outflow	3,200 cusecs

Mysuru Citizens Forum to donate Rs.1 crore to CM's flood relief

Mysuru, Aug.14 (SBD&DM)- The Mysuru Citizens Forum (MCF) has decided to donate Rs.1 crore to the Chief Minister's Flood Relief Fund.

The decision was taken at a MCF meeting held at Suttur Mutt in city yesterday, which was chaired by the Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, who is also the MCF President.

Apart from donating Rs.1 crore, the meeting also resolved to donate articles of daily use to flood victims of Mysuru, Bagalkot, Belagavi, Yadagiri and Gadag districts.

Expressing concern over reports on misuse of donations by some, the meeting decided to contact the respective District Administration and local leaders and donate relief materials in the form of kits.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji chairing Mysuru Citizens Forum meeting at Suttur Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, in city yesterday.

The meeting also resolved to distribute relief materials to flood victims of North Karnataka through Vijayapura Jnana Yogashrama's Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji and to donate kits worth about Rs.10 lakh each to five districts — Mysuru, Bagalkot, Belagavi, Yadagiri and Gadag.

MCF Secretary & Vijaya Vittala Hon. Secretary Rtn. Vasudev Bhat, Members *Star of Mysore* Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy, Siddartha Group of Hotels Chairman P.V. Giri, R. Guru of N.R. Groups, Rashmi Koti of *Andolana*, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary S.P. Manjunath and Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Medical Education Director R. Mahesh, S. Shivakumarswamy attended the meeting.

Vishwanath alleges phone-tapping under HDK governance

Mysuru, Aug.14 (RKB&US)- "Phone-tapping was rampant during the governance in the State under former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) which amounts to infringing Right to Privacy," alleged former JD(S) State President and disqualified MLA A.H. Vishwanath.

He was addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here this morning. He pointed out that phone-tapping is an offence adding that even a husband cannot tap his (husband) wife's phone. He said that his telephone was tapped at the instance of HDK and wondered how the then CM could tap the phone of the then JD(S) State President which sounds ridiculous.

Vishwanath Kumaraswamy

Vishwanath pointed out that phones of ten disqualified MLAs have been tapped which is a big crime amounting to blackmail.

He recalled that former CM Siddharamaiah's Personal Assistant's phone had been tapped long back.

Vishwanath clarified that he resigned as MLA after learning that his phone has been tapped which indicates lack of faith and trust.

He asserted that such an action cannot take place without orders of the CM.

He said that he would urge Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa to order a probe for phone-tapping and bring to book all people involved. He added that the Home Minister's phone too was tapped six months ago and even the Police Commissioner's phone too was not spared.

When reporters asked Vishwanath whether he would move the Court against phone-tapping, the latter said that he would discuss with his followers.

Referring to the case of disqualification of MLAs pending in Supreme Court, he expressed confidence that the judgement would be in their favour.

Speaking on Dasara, Vishwanath opined that Dasara should be celebrated on a grand scale taking help if need be from sponsors without citing reasons like floods.

CNNL issues flood warning

Mysuru, Aug. 14- Cauvery Niravari Nigam Limited (CNNL), Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Division, has issued flood warning in the Cauvery catchment area as there is likelihood of releasing 20,000 cusecs to 50,000 cusecs surplus water from the KRS reservoir any moment.

The CNNL has, in a press release yesterday, urged people living in the Banks of the river and in the low-lying areas to shift to safer places and take precautionary measures for safety and security of their lives and properties.

Corporators to donate Rs.10,000 each towards flood funds

Mysuru, Aug.14 (SPN&KS)- Mysuru city Corporators will be donating Rs.10,000 each for the flood victims and it has been decided to collect funds from the public on Aug.16.

The decision was taken at the meeting held yesterday at the MCC's Old Council Hall which was led by Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed and MCC Commissioner P.S. Kantharaj.

The Mayor, who proposed about donating funds to the flood victims, urged the Corporators to donate their three months salary for the flood victims' fund.

Reacting to the Mayor's proposal, Corporator Prema Shankaregowda suggested that instead of collecting three month's salary, let all Corporators donate Rs.10,000 each, which would be handed over to the Mayor though the respective party leaders.

Meanwhile, Corporators M.V. Ramprasad and Shivakumar said that donating little money to the fund would bring a bad name to the MCC and suggested that all Corporators donate their three months salary. As there was difference of opinion among many, Prema Shankaregowda intervened and urged all Corporators to donate Rs.10,000 each.

Raksha Bandhan Utsav and I-Day celebrations

Mysuru, Aug.14 - City's Suraksha... Swaraksha, like the previous four editions, will be conducting Raksha Bandhan Utsav along with Independence Day celebrations tomorrow (Aug.15) at Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala premises in Saraswathipuram.

The programme will begin with hoisting of National Flag at 8 am by Pejawar Seer Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji. This will be followed by cultural programmes by the students.

Later, a special programme has been organised to celebrate Raksha Bandhan.

Following this, students of Raghuleela Sangeetha Shale will render devotional songs, students of Natya Samskruthi Kala Nikethana will present dance ballet and yoga students will perform yoga dance.

MLA S.A. Ramdas will inaugurate 'Jala Raksha - Vruksha Raksha,' a programme on conservation of water and trees at 11 am.

Echo of floods

State Govt. calls for simple I-Day celebrations

No Ministers. DCs to hoist Tricolour

Mysuru, Aug.14 (MTY&VNS)- In the wake of the recent flood fury across Karnataka, the State Government has ordered for simple Independence Day celebrations on Aug.15.

In a press release, B. Shivakumar, Under-Secretary to the Government, DPAR (State-Protocol), said that the recent floods have caused severe loss in various districts and in this view the 73rd I-Day celebrations shall be held on a low scale.

Further, since no Ministers have been inducted into the State Cabinet, the responsibility of hoisting the National Flag has been entrusted to the respective Deputy Commissioners (except for Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru Rural districts) at the District Headquarters and Tahsildars in Taluk Headquarters.

Meanwhile, the Mysuru District Administration conducted rehearsal for I-Day celebrations at Bannimantap Torch Light Parade Grounds here yesterday

under the supervision of DCP (L&O) M. Muthuraj and CAR DCP Channaiah.

Dressed in khaki, the CAR, DAR, KSRP, Traffic, Mahila Police and Home Guard personnel showcased their march-past drill. Joining them were the NCC Cadets, Seva Dal members and Scouts and Guides who also displayed their skills.

Later, hundreds of students from three city schools — Mahaveer School, Kumbarakoppal Government High School and Nirmala Convent, V.V. Mohalla — rehearsed a dance on a patriotic song that shall be performed during the I-Day celebrations tomorrow.

The rehearsal was done for three times, during which DCP Muthuraj gave tips to the participants on flawless march-past drill on I-Day. A flag hoisting drill too was performed.

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Indian Independence: Down the memory lane...

Integration of Indian States

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A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new — when an age ends, and when the soul of a Nation, long suppressed, finds utterance. — ***Jawaharlal Nehru***

Following Modi Government's historic decision abrogating the much-abused temporary Article 370 and also 35(A), *Star of Mysore* made a special request to Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy, a voracious reader and traveller-at-large, to write a special article recalling the early days of Integration of Indian States because among the problem Princely States, the most difficult one was Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).

This article is based on the book *'Integration of Indian States'* by V.P. Menon, who was the Constitutional Adviser and Political Reforms Commissioner to the last three Viceroys during British rule in India and who also played a vital role in India's partition and political integration, says the writer Dr. Sreenivasa Murthy. He elaborates saying that it was written by Menon on the advice of Sardar Patel and published in 1956. As per the book, Patel and Nehru had very good rapport with each other and often consulted Mountbatten. They used great tact, sagacity and persuasion and followed all legal principles to make the Princely States to join the Indian Union.

When none of these worked, they followed *Chanakya Neethi* and made use of the armed forces. Patel, with Nehru and his Secretary Menon, had accomplished the monumental task of delivering a 'United Nation' of India by 26th January, 1950 when India got its Constitution and became the Republic of India. — KBG

By
Dr. C. D. Sreenivasa Murthy

As the day of Independence on Aug.15, 1947, approached a lot of thought was given by leaders like Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Nehru about the integration of Indian States into the Indian Nation. The British ruled three-fifth's of India directly through the provincial administration by the Governors. The rest of the Nation was controlled by five-hundred-and-fifty Princely States. The Princely States were very diverse. There were the big States like Hyderabad and Mysore. Many of the Princely States were very small and tiny. Integration of these Princely States into the Indian Union was a mammoth and arduous task. Sardar Patel was the Minister in-charge of States. V.P. Menon was the Secretary in the States Department and the trusted right hand man of Sardar.

Vapal Pangunni Menon (V.P. Menon) was the Secretary in the States Department of Viceroy's Government, was Adviser to the last three Viceroys of India and an expert about the relations of Princely States with the Government of British India. After Independence, he wanted to retire from the service. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel persuaded him to continue in the service of the new Nation, as his Secretary in the Department of States. Menon and Sardar Patel were the *dramatis personae* in the story of the integration of the Princely States into Indian Union.

Britain as the paramount power, controlled these States through various Treaties. In this capacity, the British Government was responsible for mainly three things, namely the Foreign Relations, Defence and Communications. Otherwise, the Princely States had been left to rule for themselves. Most of these Princes were feudal and had no representative Governments. Very often, there was no distinction between ruling Princes and the States' finances.

On the eve of Independence, the British declared the lapse of their paramountcy, the Princely States technically became independent. **They were informally asked to join one of the emerging Nations, the dominions of India or Pakistan, depending upon their geographical contiguity.** This act of Britain posed great difficulty and a challenge to the emerging new Nation of India. It was their parting gift. Many of the Princely States were too small to survive on their own and **some of the big States toyed with the idea of becoming independent countries.** The Princes felt that by joining India, they may lose all their privileges and would become Constitutional and Titular Heads of representative Governments in their States. It was a daunting task to convince and bring all these five-hundred-and-fifty States into the Indian Union.

Sardar Patel and his Secretary Menon went about this task methodically and with perseverance. It was not an easy task to make the Princes agree for accession to India. Sardar Patel was very particular that the Princes should not lose all their wealth, power and privileges they had enjoyed for hundreds of years, and they should be adequately compensated. After the negotiations, each of these smaller and bigger kings were given a hereditary pension called the **Privy Purse** depending on the revenue of their State.

There were a number of small States, particularly in Gujarat, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa. They merged very small States into the neighbouring Provinces. Some of the smaller States were merged to become big administrative units. The king of the biggest State in the area would be made the *Rajapramukh*. To give an example, some of the States in Central India were merged and the Maharaja of Gwalior became the *Rajapramukh*.

Junagadh was a very small State in Khathiawar region of Gujarat. The famous Somanath Temple, destroyed by Ghazni Mohammad , was in its territory. More than 85% of the population was Hindus and the State was ruled by a Muslim Nawab. **Junagadh had no borders with Pakistan.** The Nawab was an eccentric person and was known for his fondness for dogs. Once he celebrated the marriage of a pair of his dogs in a lavish style by spending lakhs of rupees (crores in today's value) and declared the wedding day as State holiday. His Dewan was **Sir Shah Nawaz Bhutto, uncle of the future premier of Pakistan, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.** The Dewan would not allow Menon to meet the Nawab. The Nawab with the connivance of his Dewan signed the instrument of accession with Pakistan and became a part of that country. There was great public unrest in the State and Government of India stationed troops around Junagadh. The Nawab panicked and fled to Karachi in Pakistan. He took away all the cash in the State treasury, his jewels and particularly all his dogs. **In his haste to leave Junagadh, he forgot one of his wives and a child in the Palace.** They joined the Nawab in Karachi after a few months. Later, Government of India took over the administration of the State and conducted a plebiscite, when more than 95% of population preferred to stay with India.

Rajput Kings are renowned for their heroic battles against the Muslim invaders in the early history of India. **Jodhpur was an important State in Rajasthan and bordered Pakistan.** Jinnah offered the King many privileges to induce him to join his country. **The King seriously toyed with the idea of joining Pakistan**. Once he came to Delhi for discussion with Governor General Lord Mountbatten and the Secretary of the States Department Menon. During discussions they strongly counselled him not to join Pakistan. **After Mountbatten left the room, the Maharaja, upset about the prospect of losing his kingdom and his privileges, took a revolver and threatened to shoot Menon. Menon, without losing his composure and with his wit and soothing talk, calmed down the King.**

Slowly most of the Princes realising that their people wanted representative Governments, acceded to the Indian dominion.

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The Cochin Maharaja was a very pious and patriotic person and made no demands. When pressed for any particular wishes, he requested that a copy of the 'Panchangam', the annual Hindu calendar, *almanac*, to be given to him gratis every year by the State Government. It is interesting to note that the cost of a Panchangam was eight annas (fifty paise).

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Wellesley Bridge
retaining wall collapses

A portion of the retaining wall of the historic Wellesley Bridge in Srirangapatna has collapsed last evening, luckily people had been prevented from going near it since Sunday. Picture right shows people thronging the bridge and the retaining wall on Saturday despite the danger to the bridge.

Srirangapatna, Aug.14 (Vinay Karekura & NNN)- The people have been warned to be careful due to the floods in River Cauvery and the resultant damage it has caused in many areas in the taluk.

Nearly ten feet of the retaining wall of the historical Wellesley Bridge also has collapsed. This has collapsed just a day after MLA Ravindra Srikantaiah had stood on the same spot to inspect the place. The pits around the Veeranjaneya Temple have submerged and sunk about five feet. The flood waters had entered the famous Biddakote Ganapati Temple and even that is likely to collapse.

The Triveni Sangam and the Bathing Ghats have also been inundated and people who come from far off places and even from abroad to immerse the ashes have faced problems since the last three days and it is said that they have performed the rituals on the road itself.

The farmers in Belagola, Karekura, Palahalli, Chandagalu, Melapura, Srirangapatna, Ganjam, Baburayanakoppal, Maralagala, Chikkapalya, Doddapalya, Hangarahalli, Mahadevapura, Naguvinahalli and other villages are in great distress as the sugarcane, paddy fields, roses, banana fields vegetables gardens, sapota and guava orchards and the beetle nut trees have all been destroyed.

Kannada debate contest by Dinesh Coaching Centre

Mysuru, Aug. 14 -City's Dinesh Coaching Centre has organised a District-level Inter-High School Kannada Debate Contest on the topic 'Jala Samrakshaneyalli Sarkarada Patrakkinta Janara Patrave Melu' (Role of public in water conservation is vital than that of the Government) at Rotary West auditorium in Saraswathipuram on Aug. 18 at 9.30 am.

Director of Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Tapovan Dr. Purnima Krishnamurthy will inaugurate. Chartered Accountant A. Vishwanath will be the moderator for the event.

The winners will be awarded with attractive prizes along with trophy for the best team. Last date for registration is Aug. 15. For details contact Ph: 0821-2342029 or Mob: 86188-98929, according to press release.

Moonlight Music at Suttur Mutt tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug.14- **Vidwan Prasanna Venkataraman** will perform at the monthly moonlight music concert to take place at Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill at 6 pm on Aug.15 (Thursday).

He will be accompanied by Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Vid. Dilip on violin.

PROFILE

Vid. Prasanna Venkataraman, an M.Tech graduate from IIT Madras, is a popular Karnatak Musician. After learning his early musical lessons from T.R. Balamani and Kalanidhi T.K. Govinda Rao, he is currently tutoring under Sanjay Subramaniam.

Among the many awards he has won include Best Musician award (four times) of Madaras Music Academy, Shanmukha Sangeetha Shiromani award of Shanmukhananda Sabha, Mumbai, M.L. Vasantakumari Award of Parthasarathy Swamy Sabha, Chennai, Yuva Kalabharathi Award of Bharath Kalachar and Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar of Kendra Sangeetha Natak Academy.

An Akshavani A-Grade artiste, he has performed in many countries including America, Canada, Singapore and France.

'Dahi Handi' Contest at J.K. Grounds on Aug.25

Mysuru, Aug.14- As part of Krishna Janmashtami celebrations, Sri Krishna Janmashtami Celebration Committee has organised 'Dahi Handi' competition at J.K. Grounds here on Aug.25 from 2 pm onwards.

The first prize winner will take home Rs.20,000 while the second and third prize winners will be awarded Rs.10,000 and Rs.5,000 respectively. Entry is free for all participants. For registration, contact Mob: 99802-46400 or 98808-37370.

I-Day celebration

Mysuru, Aug.14- **Shree Mahaveer Jain Vidyalaya, Siddarthanagar,** is celebrating the 73rd Independence Day tomorrow (Aug.15) at 8 am it its premises.

DFRL Scientist Dr. Farhath Khanum will be the chief guest and Shree Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Educational Trust President Devchand Salecha will preside over the programme.

At Kautilya Vidyalaya

CFTRI retired Chief Scientist Dr. Renu Agarwal will be the chief guest at the Kautilya Vidyalaya Independence Day celebrations and hoist the National Flag.

This will be followed by a road show at Vivekananda Circle which includes tableaux on 'Protect the Planet to Safeguard Your Freedom,' songs on patriotism and environment, according to a press release from the Vidyalaya.

Painful Periods and Infertility

Gauri who was 23 years had been trying for pregnancy for 3 years. She had regular periods but had severe pain during periods. Ultrasound scan showed large blood fluid cysts which are called as Chocolate Cysts in both the ovaries. She underwent key-hole procedure where the cyst was drained and the endometriosis was destroyed to the extent possible. She was advised to undergo an IVF procedure for which the treatment was started. She produced four eggs which were fertilized by her husband's sperm.

Out of this two embryos were formed which was put back into the uterine cavity. The patient got pregnant and delivered a healthy baby.

Dr. Devika Gunasheela

Pain during periods is very common and is called as Dysmenorrhoea or simply as menstrual pain. Menstrual pain can be sharp, dull or shooting pain. They also cause nausea and if very severe may force the patient to take leave from work. It may precede menstruation by several days or a few hours, or may accompany it. It usually subsides as the bleeding decreases. When the pain is related to an underlying disease or disorder, it is called as secondary dysmenorrhoea. The common causes of secondary dysmenorrhoea are endometriosis, uterine fibroids and sexually transmitted diseases.

The common symptoms are pelvic pain and infertility. Pelvic pain usually occurs during or just before menstruation and lessens after menstruation. Some women experience pain during sexual intercourse, bowel movements or urination. Patients can also have bleeding when they pass urine or stools. Endometriosis can be one of the reasons for infertility in otherwise healthy couples.

In vitro fertilization (IVF) procedures are effective in improving fertility for some women with endometriosis. IVF makes it possible to combine sperm and eggs in a laboratory and then place the resulting embryos into the woman's uterus.Pregnancy rate with IVF procedure following a certain protocol of treatment can reach up to 50 – 60%.

Contact: Dr Devika Gunasheela,

Gunasheela Reproductive Centre, Kuvempunagar, Mysore. **Contact: 0821 – 2343585 / 0821 – 2343385. Bangalore Centre: 080-26673585.**

Floods cast shadow on 'Gajapayana' of Dasara elephants

Mysuru, Aug.14 (MTY&DM)- The unprecedented floods and the changed political scenario coming with a change in the government, has cast a shadow on 'Gajapayana,' the march of Dasara elephants from their respective camps to the city.

The ten-day Dasara festival will take place from Sept.29 to Oct.8 and there are hardly 45 days left for the grand celebrations.

In the past, Dasara elephants were being brought to the city from their respective camps 60 days before the commencement of Dasara.

The elephants after their arrival in the city will be offered a stable diet supplemented with nutritious food to keep them healthy and fit for the Dasara *Jumboo Savari,* the grand finale of the 10-day festival. These elephants will be also taken out for rehearsals on the procession route twice a day before the grand finale.

However, the Forest Department has started its own preparations for Dasara, with the Department officials visiting various elephant camps and finalising the best 12 elephants for the event. The Department has sent the list to 'Aranya Bhavan,' in Bengaluru for approval.

In the past, six elephants, four male and two female, used to arrive in the city in the first batch, following which the elephants were trained for acclimatisation. The second batch of elephants used to arrive later.

After the arrival of all the 12 Dasara elephants, the pachyderms were being taken on the procession route to make them familiar with the route and also to get used to the sound. The Howdah carrying elephant was being trained to carry the 750 kg Golden Howdah by placing sand bags on it.

Meanwhile, DCF (Wildlife) Alexander said that the Forest Department has selected the elephants for Dasara and the list has been sent to Bengaluru for approval. The list is expected to be approved at the Dasara High Power Committee scheduled to take place at Bengaluru today (Aug.14), following which the date of 'Gajapayana' will be fixed.

The Dasara elephants will be appropriately trained for the grand event after their arrival to the city, he said.

City Police appeals public to maintain Law & Order during I-Day fete

K.T. Balakrishna

Mysuru, Aug.14(DM)- With the country celebrating the 73rd Independence Day tomorrow (Aug.15), the City Police have appealed Mysuru citizens to maintain Law & Order.

In a press release, City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna has asked schools, colleges and other educational institutions to deploy more security personnel for the celebrations to ensure safety and security of the participants. Also, the campus must be inspected and the Police must be informed if any suspicious objects are found in the premises.

CCTVs must be installed and more security personnel must be deployed at public places and public joints such as malls, markets, airport, tourist spots etc., as a security measure. House and other building owners must seek complete details of the tenants/lessees before renting or leasing out their premises.

The owners of hotels, lodges, resorts, guest houses etc., are required to thoroughly check the luggage and baggages of tourists and other customers and seek their identity, before they are allowed into the rooms.

The usage of plastic flags has been banned and any disrespect to the National Flag will attract punishment. Metal detectors have been installed at Bannimantap Parade Grounds, where the Independence Day celebrations will take place. The public are asked to go through these metal detectors before taking part in the celebrations. As a security measure, the public are asked not to carry any weapons, knife, camera, glass water bottle, bags etc., along with them to the venue.

The public must not enter the parade ground and programme arena and must watch the celebrations sitting at designated places at the venue.

Vehicle parking: Judges, VVIPs, VIPs, MCC Corporators, Legislators, ZP President & Vice-President are required to enter through the main entrance gate of Bannimantap Ground and park their vehicles at the left and right sides of the entrance gate.

Police personnel, media representatives and other department personnel should park their vehicles near Gate-2. The public are required to park their two-wheeler and four-wheelers at Gate-5.

The parade participants are required to enter through Gate-8, after parking their vehicles near it. The public are allowed to enter the venue only through designated gates. Also, the public are required to follow the instructions of the Traffic Police on parking of vehicles. Legal action will be initiated against those who park their vehicles in a haphazard manner and obstruct traffic movement.

Book release on Aug.16

Mysuru, Aug. 14- Rajyotsava awardee, Littérateur S. Nagaraja's book titled 'Apaara Karunaa Saagara Sri Raghavendra Swamigalu Matttu Mahimegalu' will be released by senior social worker and entrepreneur Dr. G. Ravi at a programme organised by Sri Raghavendra Prakashana at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha Mini Hall on JLB Road in city at 11 am on Aug. 16.

Social worker Raghuram Vajpayee will preside and former President of Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Maddikere Gopal will inaugurate.

President of Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Y.D. Rajanna, former President M. Chandrashekar and Kannada activist Muguru Nanjundaswamy will be present, according to a release.

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Integration of Indian States

Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar

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V.P. Menon was all praise for the kingdom of Mysore. According to him, it was the best ruled Princely State in India. It was the first Princely State to start a Representative Assembly in 1881 and an Upper House in 1923. **The assets of the Maharaja and his properties were clearly demarcated from that of the State.** After a smooth and short negotiation with the Maharaja of Mysore and his Dewan Sir Arcot Ramasamy Mudaliar, the Maharaja signed on 25th November 1949 the Instrument of Accession of the State into the Indian Union. Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar assumed the Office of the *Rajapramukh* of the State of Mysore in independent India.

The kingdoms of Travancore and Cochin were contiguous and the language and culture of the people were similar. Both States had progressive administrations. The ruling families followed Marumakkathayam law, the law of inheritance through the female line. Initially the King of Travancore showed some reluctance to join the Indian Union, probably on the advice of his Dewan Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer. But after severe agitations of the people, he joined the Indian Union. These two States were merged and the Maharaja of Travancore became the *Rajapramukh* of the merged State. **The Cochin Maharaja was a very pious and patriotic person and made no demands.** When pressed for any particular wishes, he requested that a copy of the 'Panchangam', the annual Hindu calendar, *almanac*, to be given to him gratis every year by the State Government. It is interesting to note that the cost of a Panchangam was eight annas (fifty paise).

Hyderabad was probably the most difficult State to deal with. The State had 85% of Hindus and 15% of Muslims, and it was ruled by Muslim King, the Nizam. Nizam was an absolute feudal King. **There, 95% of the Police and 100% of the Army were Muslims.** The top administrative set up consisted of mostly Muslims. Since Hyderabad was surrounded by other Indian States and had the majority population of Hindus, Lord Mountbatten advised the Nizam to join the Indian Union. Nizam on 3rd June 1947 issued a 'FIRMAN' mentioning his desire of becoming an independent monarch. He loaned an amount of Rs.20 crore (equivalent to about rupees one thousand crores in today's value) to Pakistan. *[In reality it was a donation].*

Nizam's advisers continued negotiations with the Indian Government and prolonged them with various frivolous excuses. The Nizam even took his case to the United Nations Security Council. A band of ruffians (Razakars) under their leader Kasim Razvi, started terrorising Hindus in Hyderabad and later all over the State and border areas. One of the Razakars, namely, Layakath Ali was made the premier of Hyderabad State. **Kasim Razvi met Sardar Patel and threatened him that, if Government of India took any action, the whole of South India would burn with a communal conflagration.** Since the Razakars were indulging in looting and other heinous crimes against non-Muslims, the Government of India feared about Law and Order and the safety of the people. Finally, Patel and Nehru took the decision for a 'Police action' by sending the armed forces. The Indian Army under the command of Major General J.N. Chaudhary marched into Hyderabad on 18th September, 1948. The whole of 'Police action' lasted exactly 108 hours (four-and-a-half-days). The State troops of Nizam surrendered unconditionally. Most of the Razakars were rounded up and put into prison. There were no communal clashes in Hyderabad State or anywhere in the country. The people of all religions welcomed the Indian 'Police action' and Hyderabad State became peaceful. The Nizam signed the Instrument of Accession to India and sent a cable to UN Security Council withdrawing the Hyderabad case. **In spite of these hostilities, the Government of India treated Nizam with respect and great consideration. They allowed him to keep his titles, gave him a fat Privy Purse and made him the *Rajapramukh* of the new Hyderabad State. Contrast this with the manner in which Sheikh Abdullah, Prime Minister of J&K, treated Maharaja Hari Singh of J&K who had not used the army in any manner. The Maharaja was driven out of J&K.**

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Kashmir posed a very big and tough challenge to the Government of India. The State had been ruled by Dogra rulers since 1846. Maharaja Hari Singh was the ruler of Kashmir at the time of Independence. **Kashmir, by land area, was the biggest Princely kingdom of British India.** Kashmir had a strategic importance as it had Indian Union on one side and Pakistan on other. It also had border with Tibet and China. Though the King was a Hindu ruler, 65% of population was Muslims. Maharaja Hari Singh could not make up his mind to accede to either India or Pakistan. **He also toyed with the idea of becoming an independent kingdom. He wanted to have a Standstill Agreement with both the countries of India and Pakistan till he made up his mind. Pakistan signed a Standstill Agreement with him, but India didn't.**

Though Pakistan had signed the Standstill Agreement with Maharaja Hari Singh, Jinnah encouraged frontier tribesmen and irregular Pakistani troops to invade Kashmir. These tribesmen were ruthless marauders. The understanding with these tribesmen was that they would not be paid by the Pakistan Government. **They could loot and keep the booty.** When they invaded Baramulla, they killed nearly ten thousand people and took away the valuables and all the women. They took away all the young Hindu girls and auctioned them. The Maharaja panicked and frantically appealed to the Government of India for military help. The Indian Government pleaded its inability, as he had not signed the Instrument of Accession and hence Kashmir was not part of India. **On the advice of Menon and other Indian Government Officers, he fled from Srinagar to Jammu and signed the Instrument of Accession to India.**

The Maharaja was so desperate and feared falling into the hands of invaders, he had requested his ADC to shoot and kill him if the aid from India did not arrive. India did a massive airlift of army and controlled the situation. The tribesmen had to retreat. But still a large area of Kashmir fell into the hands of Pakistan. Sheikh Abdullah, the popular leader, who had been imprisoned by the Maharaja, was released from jail and was asked to form the Government. **But it is another story that Sheikh Abdullah, soon after forming the Government, wanted Maharaja Hari Singh to leave the State and also refused to pay his Privy Purse. Sardar agreed for these and arranged for the Privy Purse to be paid by the Indian Government.** *[Contrast this to what Indian Government did to the Nizam. The belligerent Nizam who waged a war against Indian Union was treated with honour and also given the Privy Purse. —Ed]*

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The three criteria for a Princely State to join either the dominion of Pakistan or the dominion of India, were:* ***a.*** *The majority population (Hindu or Muslim),* ***b.*** *The Princely State's geographical contiguity to either Pakistan or India and* ***c.*** *The wish of the ruling Prince.*

Thus, in the case of J&K, though at that time the majority population was Muslim, the other two criteria lent themselves in favour of India, which means that the Maharaja of J&K wished to join the Indian dominion and the geographical contiguity is with Indian dominion just as part of the geographical contiguity is also with the dominion of Pakistan.

EVENTS (AUG.16) ON FRIDAY

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: 348th Aradhana Mahotsava, Suprabhata, **5.30 am;** Mahapanchamruta Abhisheka, **7 am to 7.45 am;** Kanakabhisheka, Sarvaseve, **8 am to 10 am;** Mahamangalarathi, **12 noon;** Prasada Viniyoga, **12.30 pm to 2 pm;** Dasa Laya Lahari by Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy and troupe, Mutt premises, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Vittaladhama, Sri Vittala-Mukhyaprana-Raghavendra Seva Samiti, Sri Pejawara Adhyokshaja Mutt, J.P. Nagar: 348th Aradhana Mahotsava of Sri Raghavendraswamy, Suprabhata, Abhishekas, Sarva Seve, Pada Puja, discourse by scholars, Mahamangalarathi, **5.30 am to 12.30 pm;** Bhajans, **4.30 pm;** Veena recital and discourse by Vid. Srinivasacharya Korlahalli, **5.30 pm;** Chamaraseve, Nadaswara, Mahamangalarathi, Ashtavadhana Seve, **7 pm.**

Sri Guru Raghavendra Seva Trust, 4th Stage, 10th Main Road, T.K. Layout: 348th Aradhana Mahotsava of Sri Guru Raghavendraswamy, Suprabhata, **5.30 am;** Nirmalya Visarjane and Panchamruta, **6 am to 7 am;** Pada Puja, Kanakabhisheka Sarva Seve, **7 am to 9 am;** Bhajans and Devaranama by Sneha Bharati Mahila Samaja, **10 am to 11 am;** Bhajans and Devaranama by Sri Srinivasa Bhajana Mandali, **11 am to 12 noon;** Archane, Alankara, etc., **12 noon;** Bharatanatyam by Aradhana Institute of Performing Arts, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Guru Raghavendra Aradhana Samiti, Somanathanagar: 348th Aradhana Mahotsava, Suprabhata, **6 am;** Sri Raghavendra Ashtakshara Japa, Vahanotsava, **8 am to 9 am;** Homa, **9 am to 11 am;** Ashtothara Seve, **11 am to 11.30 am;** Abhisheka, Mahapuje and Mangalarathi, **11.30 am to 1 pm;** Lecture by Sri Adya Govindacharya, **6 pm;** Sangeetha Seve — Hindustani Music Concert by Pt. Balachandra Nakod, accompanied by Sriram Bhat on harmonium and Raghavendra Nakod on tabla, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm;** Mahamangalarathi, Ashtavadhana Seve and Thottilu Seve, #29, 'Sarvabhouma,' 3rd Block, Somanathanagar, Dattagalli 3rd Stage, **9.30 pm to 10 pm.**

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama: Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha programmes by Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Junior Pontiff of Avadhoota Datta Peetha, discourse on Yoga Vashishta by Sri Swamiji, **7.30 am;** Sri Chakra Puja, Veda Chanting, Maha Ganapathy Homa, **8.30 am;** Satsang, Discourse, **6.30 pm;** Kakada Aarti to Lord Dattatreya, Ashrama premises, Datta Nagar, Ooty Road, **8 pm.**

Sri Gayatridevi Temple, Palace Fort premises: 108 Kalasha Sthapane and Gayatridevi Homa, Sri Maha Ganapati Homa, Navagraha Homa, Parivara Devata Homa and Gayatridevi Homa, **7.30 am;** Purnahuti, **12 noon;** Mahamangalarathi, and Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, **1 pm.**

Shri Ravivarma Art Institute: Solo Line Drawing Expo by Dr. Lakshman Prasad, Institute Art Gallery, Chamarajapuram, **11 am to 6 pm.**

Basava Jnana Mandira: Shravanamasa Pujanushtana and Vishwadharma Vachana Pravachana Programme, M. Chandrashekar talks on 'Maadara Channaiah,' Mandira premises, Muneshwaranagar, Mysuru-Nanjangud Main Road, **5 pm to 7 pm.**

Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Ashada and Adi Shukravaras (Fridays) cultural programmes, vocal concert by **Vidu. M.R. Sudha** and troupe, Mandiram, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Suttur Mutt, Mysuru: Shravanamaasa, Mass prayers, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Raghavanka's Harischandra Kavya,' Vyaakhyaana by Dr. B.V. Vasanthakumar, Vaachana by Gamaka Vidwan K. Ramachandra, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sushira - V. Desikachar's Academy of Music, Mysuru: 19th annual Music Festival, Concert by **Twin Flautists — Vid. Heramb and Vid. Hemanth** — accompanied by Vid. Mathur R. Srinidhi on violin, Vid. Tumkur Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Kaushik on ghata, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6.15 pm.**

Warriors for KPL-2019 battle

Mysuru, Aug.14- Mysuru Warriors, a Karnataka Premier League (KPL) franchise powered by Cycle Pure Agarbathies, announced its new squad for the upcoming season of the KPL-2019. The Warriors also announced Amit Verma as Captain and introduced L.R. Chethan and Utham Aiyappa as the two players, selected from the grassroot Talent Hunt programme, to represent the team, for the eighth edition of the KPL.

The press conference held at Hotel Southern Star in city this morning to announce the team began with a minute's silence for all the flood victims. This was followed by Arjun Ranga, Owner of Mysuru Warriors and Managing Director of Cycle Pure Agarbathies, presenting a cheque for Rs.1 lakh towards the CM's Flood Relief Fund. The team also donated Rs.50,000-worth candles and match boxes to the cause.

The Squad...

1. Amit Verma
2. J. Suchith
3. Anirudha Joshi
4. Shoaib Manager
5. Vyshak Vijay Kumar
6. K.V. Siddharth
7. Dega Nischal
8. Manjesh Reddy
9. Wadhwani Kushaal
10. M. Venkatesh
11. Vinay N. Sagar
12. Kishan S. Bedare
13. Ram Sarikh Yadav
14. K.S. Devaiah
15. Jayesh Babu
16. B.U. Shivakumar
17. Sankalp Shettennavar
18. Saurabh Yadav
19. L.R. Chethan
20. Utham Aiyappa

Commenting on the new team, Arjun Ranga said: "We are extremely happy with the consistent quality across the squad this year; we can't wait to see the boys in action as they conquer the KPL. We are pretty confident; this year's KPL is going to be extremely entertaining with some good and exciting cricket. Amit Verma has proved himself on various occasions and we are proud to have him as our captain. We wish all the luck to the 8 teams and hope to see some exceptional cricket this edition."

"I'm delighted to lead Mysuru Warriors team this season. I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Ranga, and the Selection Committee at Mysuru Warriors, for this opportunity. I'm extremely satisfied with our team this year. It is a good mix of talent and experience. We are confident that this season, we will witness good cricket for all the fans in Mysuru who have been cheering us on all these years," said Amit Verma, Captain, Mysuru Warriors.

Elaborating on the team, Coach Rx Muralidhar said, "With good depth in bowling, batting and fielding we have a strong side. I am confident the team will exhibit an exciting game of cricket, and keep the crowds entertained."

The team introduced their support team comprising Rx Muralidhar as the Coach and Vijay Madyalkar, Assistant Coach, along with Shyam Rao as the fitness trainer.

The team has also associated with Sri Ranga as the team physiotherapist and brings Athul Rao as Video Analyst, Nandan as Masseur, Akhil as Throw Down Specialist and M.R. Suresh as the Team Manager, N. Arun Kumar and R. Madhusudan as the Team Coordinator for KPL-2019.

Modelled on the lines of IPL, the 20-20 Tournament is organized by the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) and will witness the competition between eight teams. Started in 2009, the KPL is now in its eighth season which will commence from Aug.16.

In a noble gesture, Arjun Ranga, Owner of Mysuru Warriors and Managing Director of Cycle Pure Agarbathies, presented a cheque for Rs.1 lakh to DC Office Tahsildar Johnson towards the CM's Flood Relief Fund. Mysuru Warriors also donated Rs.50,000-worth candles and match boxes.

Bag medals in District-level Wrestling Competition

The students of Vidyavardhaka High School, Seshadri Iyer Road, who have bagged medals in the District-level Wrestling Competition organised by the Department of Secondary Education in the Lion's Club Indoor Auditorium of Mysore University recently — R. Surya (Bronze), Mohammed Mannan (Silver), Mohammad Saqib (Silver) and R. Pradeep Kumar (Silver) — are seen with (sitting from left) M.S. Uma, Vice-principal, P. Vishwanath, Secretary, Gundappa Gowda, President, Shrishyla Ramanna, Treasurer, T. Nagaraj, Member and Muniraj, Physical Education Teacher.

Winners in Yoga

Mysuru, Aug.14- The students of Rotary Midtown Academy — **N. Dhanushree** (3rd place in Artistic Solo Style) and **M.A. Divya** (4th in Asanas Style) — have excelled at the National-level Yoga Championship - 2019 organised by Shree Patanjali Yoga Kendra at Bengaluru recently.

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Blocked sewage drain needs to be cleared in Satyanagar

Garbage and plants inside the sewage drain passing through Satyanagar in N.R. Constituency is blocked resulting in sewage water getting stagnant and emanating foul smell. Following recent rains, rain water mixed with sewage water overflowed on the road causing health hazards to the residents. Civic authorities are urged to get the drain cleared at the earliest.

Plea to remove abandoned goods vehicle opposite K.R. Police Station

A goods vehicle, which is abandoned on the footpath opposite K.R. Police Station, is forcing pedestrians to walk on the ever-busy Vani Vilas Road by risking their lives. The place has also become a garbage dump yard causing a lot of problems to the residents. Authorities concerned are urged to get the abandoned goods vehicle removed and also get the garbage cleared for the benefit of the public.

Clear the garbage dumped behind Gurudwar

Garbage such as used paper plates and leftover food, which is dumped on the either side of the road behind the Gurudwar in Brindavan Extension is not cleared resulting in foul smell emanating from it. Authorities concerned are urged to get the garbage cleared at the earliest.

Kodagu Disaster

Too much and Too little

2020 may well be a repeat of 2018 and 2019 if urgent measures are not taken

By Maj. Gen. (Retd.) S.G. Vombatkere (VSM)

We need rain for drinking water and for survival. But there are also people who fear rain, especially heavy or continuous ones, like many who live in Kodagu and elsewhere in the Western Ghats. This year, in anticipation of heavy rain which could disrupt normal life, Government of Karnataka (GoK) wisely issued instructions to limit tourism in Kodagu and planned disaster relief measures.

Vombatkere

GoK's fears proved true since August 2019 appears to be a replay of August 2018 when Kodagu received extremely heavy and disastrous rainfall. This year's rainfall has already caused severe damage and losses which are yet to be assessed.

In 2018, following disastrous loss of life and property and serious disruption of communications in Kodagu, the Mysuru Local Centre of The Institution of Engineers - India (IEI) suo moto convened a Technical Team which visited the ecologically-sensitive Western Ghats region.

The Team assessed damages and causes of landslips and recommended measures to restore road communications. But more importantly, it also recommended proactive steps to be taken to prevent or minimise similar widespread damage in the future. The report recommended that apart from relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction, (GoK) should take the following urgent proactive measures:

1. Strictly prevent and punish deforestation and tree-felling in the name of development.

2. Begin urgent afforestation of endemic species of saplings on all deforested slopes.

3. Halt all infrastructure projects which threaten the ecology.

4. Curb any sort of mining and prevent polluting industries.

5. No permission must be given to convert public lands to private ownership.

The report stated that the cause for large-scale destruction in Kodagu was a combination of man-made causes and extremely heavy rainfall attributable to global warming.

It identified the primary cause as deforestation due to human incursions for road construction, power transmission lines, stone quarrying, sand mining, ground water extraction, change of land use from forest to agriculture or human settlements, tourism, etc. Thus, deforestation has occurred gradually and incrementally, as well as on large-scale for government-planned infrastructure projects, over decades.

It is very sad that the people of Kodagu have had to undergo the pain and losses of the on-going rain-caused disaster. Media reports that the administration in Kodagu is making Herculean efforts of rescue, relief and rehabilitation. Although these measures are absolutely necessary, they are merely reactive. GoK has taken no proactive measures on the lines recommended by the IEI Team in 2018.

To be fair, GoK is not alone in this, since all State Governments and the Union Government remain focussed on highway widening and new projects, all of them involve change of land use and deforestation.

Removing tree cover causes heavy rainwater run-off resulting in floods, topsoil loss and landslips with loss of life and property. It also prevents ground water recharge at higher elevations as in Kodagu, and consequently even perennial rivers like Cauvery have little flow in the dry season. Thus rivers are dying, and people are experiencing water shortage.

Forested lands are 'storehouses' of water and deforestation causes floods. Extreme rainfall due to global warming-driven climate change only intensifies both flood disasters and water shortage which are primarily due to deforestation. But Governments are only reactive to such situations and have no plans for the future apart from gearing up for disaster management, or suggesting interlinking dying rivers, while people and Governments fight over increasingly scarce water.

Governments are yet to understand that this kind of "development" is ecologically unsustainable and that environmental degradation affects PEOPLE. Effective proactive measures can only come from a holistic understanding of Nature and acceptance that human societies depend upon Nature for survival.

As deforestation slowly kills Mother Cauvery, 2020 may well be a repeat of 2018 and 2019. Let us listen to Mother Cauvery's children in Kodagu who are opposing deforestation, and prevail upon GoK to take proactive measures suggested above.

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MCC civic workers in Kodagu to assist cleaning work

Mysuru, Aug.14 (SBD&US)- A team of Pourakarmikas of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has left for Kodagu district on Monday to lend a helping hand in cleaning operations in flood-hit areas.

The team, comprising 20 young civic workers armed with bleaching powder, hand gloves, shoes, masks and other items needed for cleaning process, left in a vehicle belonging to Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

MCC Health Officer Dr. M.S. Jayaram gave directions and suggestions to the team before seeing them off at Town Hall premises.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. Jayaram said that the team was sent on request of the Kodagu District Administration and instruction of the Mysuru DC.

He further said that two Health Inspectors too have accompanied the team who will guide the team for two days and return and added that if need be another batch of 10 civic workers would be sent.

It may be recalled that MCC civic workers had lent a helping hand when flood ravaged Kodagu last year also.

Joy drive serial accidents: Injured
Journalism student dies at hospital

H.S. Ashwini

Mysuru, Aug.14 (RK&KS)- A girl student, who had suffered serious injuries after a Scorpio vehicle, driven by a minor boy rammed into her near the MUDA Circle junction yesterday morning and admitted to a private hospital, succumbed to injuries at the hospital yesterday afternoon.

The deceased girl student is H.S. Ashwini, daughter of Shivaiah, a resident of Hullepura village in Gundlupet taluk and a second year journalism degree student at Maharani's College in city.

Ashwini, who was staying at the hostel run by the Social Welfare Department on Bogadi Road, alighted the City Bus at Ramaswamy Circle and was walking towards the college along with her friend, identified as Prema, when the Scorpio vehicle, driven by the minor boy rammed into them.

Ashwini, who suffered serious injuries was rushed to a private hospital, where she succumbed to injuries at about 3 pm yesterday.

As the news of Ashwini's death reached the college, her relatives, friends, classmates and lecturers rushed to the hospital and mourned over the untimely demise of Ashwini.

Youth assaults friend for denying Rs.50

Mysuru, Aug.14 (RK&KS)- A youth, who was denied money by his friend, allegedly assaulted him with a machete in public at K.G. Koppal recently. While the accused is identified as Umesh, the seriously injured man is Guru.

Details: Guru, along with another friend, was walking towards their house at K.G. Koppal from Kantharaj Urs Road when they were stopped near Chandramouleswara Temple at about 9.30 pm by Umesh, who reportedly demanded Rs.50 from Guru, which the latter denied.

Angered over Guru for denying him money, Umesh pulled out a machete and attacked Guru. As Guru raised his left hand to shield himself, he was injured on the hand and fell down following which Umesh and his accomplices kicked him and fled from the spot. Guru, who sustained severe injuries, lodged a complaint at Saraswathipuram Police Station and the Police, who had registered a case against Umesh, have arrested him.

Man among three missing

Mysuru, Aug.14 (KS)- In separate incidents, two women and a man have been reported missing from T. Narasipur and from city.

In the first incident, a 27-year-old woman, who left her house on Aug.8 in an autorickshaw for work has since gone missing.

The missing woman is **Rathnamma**, wife of Dileep and a resident of Kodagahalli in T.Narasipur. According to the complaint lodged by her husband with Bannur Police, Rathnamma, who works at a garment factory in Srirangapatna, left for work in an autorickshaw on Aug.8 and has not returned till date.

Those having any information, may contact Bannur Police Station on Ph: 08227-275632.

In the second incident, 20-year-old **Ashwini**, wife of Manjunath, who left the Paying Guest (PG) accommodation in Saraswathipuram, where she was staying has since gone missing from Aug.8 about 6.30 am. Ashwini is 5.2 ft. tall, fair complexioned, speaks Kannada and was wearing a blue colour top and white leggings at the time of going missing.

Ashwini

Mujahid Ahmed

According to the complaint lodged by Manjunath, a resident of K.R. Mohalla and a garments trader, he had married Ashwini two years ago and theirs was a love marriage. Manjunath has further stated that as Ashwini was suffering from health problems, she was housed in a PG at Saraswathipuram. But on Aug.8, when he called Ashwini, her phone was switched off and when he went to the PG and enquired about her, he was told that Ashwini left the PG at about 6.30 am along with her luggage saying that her father had passed away.

When Manjunath called Ashwini's mother over the phone and enquired, he came to know that Ashwini had not gone to her mother's house, following which he lodged a missing complaint.

Those having any information about Ashwini, may contact Saraswathipuram Police on Ph: 0821-2418123 or Police Control Room on 0821-2418339, according to a press release from ASI Somashekaraiah, Saraswathipuram Police Station.

In the third incident, a 55-year-old man has gone missing from the city. **Mujahid Ahmed,** 55, a resident of fourth cross, eighth main, Rajivnagar, who left his house on the morning of Aug.2 has gone missing, according to a complaint lodged by his nephew at Udayagiri Police Station.

Mujahid is 5'7" in height, oval faced, medium built and oily red in complexion. He speaks Urdu and Kannada languages. Those having any clues about the said missing person may call Udayagiri Police on Ph: 0821-2418309 / 2418339.

Unidentified man dies

Mysuru, Aug.14- A 50-year-old unidentified man, who was being treated at K.R. Hospital, breathed his last in the hospital at about 7 pm on Aug.7.

The man who was found lying unconscious near Udayakrishna Hotel at Udayagiri on the morning of Aug.2, was shifted to K.R. Hospital, where he breathed his last on Aug.7, according to Udayagiri Police who have registered a case in this regard.

The man is 5'8" in height, lean built, oily red in complexion and sports a moustache and a long beard with grey hair.

The kith and kin, if any, can contact Udayagiri Police on Ph: 0821-2418309 or 2418339.

Obituary

H.V. Sithalakshmi

Mysuru, Aug.14- H.V. Sithalakshmi (85), a resident of Deewan's Road in Chamaraja Mohalla, passed away yesterday at a private hospital here following brief illness.

She leaves behind three sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill here this noon.

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500-year-old Bateri in a shambles

Rajas, Sultans have hoisted Flags on this 15th century flagpole in Srirangapatna

The flight of steps leading to the 15th Century Bateri in Srirangapatna, on top of which is the flagpole to hoist flags. Picture right shows the National Flag hoisted during last year's Independence Day.

By Vinay Karekura

Srirangapatna, Aug. 14- The Rajas, Maharajas and Sultans right from 15th Century have proudly protected this historical monument where they were hoisting flags from this flagpole in Bateri, which unfortunately is in a shambles now.

This place classified as a heritage structure is very close to the Delhi Gate near the Srirangapatna Fort. This Bateri was built during the reign of Vijaynagar rulers in the 15th century, when Proudadevaraya (Second Devaraya) was ruling the kingdom. This place was built to hoist the flag with *Varaha* symbol.

At this time Srirangapatna was under the Vijayanagar rulers. After Wadiyars took over the reign, their symbol was *Gandaberunda* and the flag bearing this symbol was being hoisted from Bateri. Later, during the rule of Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan, the flag with the *Sun* symbol was being hoisted from the same structure.

It is really interesting that a place exclusively to hoist the flag with a solid iron pole, a flight of steep steps and a wooden platform, held by strong wires, had all been built nearly 500 years ago and it has lasted the vagaries of nature.

Tipu Sultan lost the battle to the British on May 4, 1799. Immediately, the British Officer Colonel Graham hoisted the British flag on the same day at Bateri. Even now, only the Srirangapatna Tahsildar hoists the National Flag. This is passed on from generations to retain the cultural identity of the place.

Bateri is built in the form of a square and it is 70 feet above the ground. In front, an idol of Veeranjaneya is placed. If one stands on Bateri then one has a panoramic view of Srirangapatna. But Bateri was not just a flag hoisting place.

Watch Tower

The place was used as a watch tower right from the rule of Vijayanagar kings. History tells us that the moves of the enemies were watched from this tower and strategies planned for the war. Such a historic place is sadly lying in a state of neglect now.

Half of Bateri is being surrounded by houses. In the remaining portion, the locals smear it with cow dung cakes. This has completely altered the heritage significance of the place. Tourists, who visit Bateri, are irked by this sight.

Besides, a few of the residents allege that all kinds of illegal activities happen during night time. As there is no restriction to enter, everyone has a free run of this historic place. Many a times children are known to climb this 70 feet high structure without the knowledge of their parents and luckily no untoward incident has been reported so far.

Like many other structures in this river island, no one knows under whom this historical place comes under. Many local residents have knocked on the doors of Town Municipal Council (TMC) but realise that it does not come under the TMC jurisdiction.

Clean Bateri at least once a year: This unique watch tower-cum-flag post structure should at least be cleaned once every year, said Taluk Karnataka Rakshana Vedike President Chandagalu Shankar.

It is common to see people all over the country celebrate Independence Day by hoisting the National Flag, but Bateri with its unique history of hoisting flags has a special significance and to hoist the National Flag here is very meaningful. It should also be noted that many great leaders of the past have hoisted the flags here. However, it is sad to see that our Government is neglecting this historical place and not bothering to preserve it for posterity. If the work on preserving Bateri does not start, then, a district-wide agitation will be launched, warned Chandagalu Shankar.

Does not belong to TMC: Many people think that Bateri comes under TMC, which is wrong. It does not come under our jurisdiction. It is our responsibility to clean Bateri during national festivals and this, the TMC has been doing from the past and in future also we will continue to do it, said TMC Chief Officer Krishna speaking *to Star of Mysore*.

Bateri should be given to TMC: Bateri should come under TMC limits. The structure is very weak now. This goes to show that both the Taluk and District Administrations have totally neglected it. As we are also an arm of the Government, we do not like to protest against another Government arm. Hence, Bateri should immediately be transferred to TMC, said TMC Member S. Nandeesh.

Since there is no security around the monument, it has become a haven for drunkards and this is creating a problem for not only the neighbouring residents but also to the tourists. The Police Department and other Departments concerned must take steps to prevent such illegal activities from occurring.

This place should be preserved for future generations to make them aware of its rich history. The officials and the people's representatives who come here every year to hoist the flag with hardly any interest must at least now show interest to develop Bateri, said the locals on the eve of 73rd I-Day.

Bathery (Bateri) is a colloquial word for battery where traditionally a set of cannons were kept to fire at the enemy or at a fort continuously. They were very sturdy structures made to last long because the recoil from the cannons would be very high. Srirangapatna has many such Batheries created by the early rulers, Tipu Sultan and the British subsequently to breach Tipu Sultan's fort. The Tipu Sultan Bathery now in Kerala is one such example. There is another famous one near Mangaluru.

— Prof. D. S. Ramakrishna Rao,
Design Chair and Head Research Cell,
Mysore School of Architecture

"The public and the residents should also understand the historical significance of Bateri and preserve the place. The wooden platform of the flag post is broken and this should be repaired but the TMC is not equipped to take up this work. Instead, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) must undertake this work.

I have already directed the Tahsildar to immediately clear the weeds and wild growth at Bateri and also asked him to talk with the officials of ASI to take up the restoration work.

Srirangapatna is recognised as a heritage site at the international level and we should preserve the many historical structures in this river town. Hence, I will immediately talk to the Police Department to put a stop to the illegal activities." — MLA Ravindra Srikantaiah

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Jabariya Jodi (H)	9.20 am, 3.35 pm, 9.50 pm
Dora & Lost City Of Gold (E)	10.40 am, 4.05 pm
Nerkonda Paarvai (Ta)	12.10 pm, 6.35 pm
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EVENTS TODAY (AUG.14)

Sadhana Mandira: Special Chanting Classes on Sri Lalitha Sahasranama Stotram by Sadhana Mandira's Acharya Swami Hamsananda, Vijayanagar 1st Stage - Sri Ramakrishna Krupa, # 435, 6th Main, **4 pm;** Srirampura 2nd Stage - Balamuri Vinayaka Temple, Near Naidu Stores, **5 pm;** Kuvempunagar - Sri Ramana Jnana Kendra, Near Apollo Hospital, **6 pm;** Agrahara - Sri Sringeri Shankar Math (Fort Mohalla), **7 pm;** Lakshmipuram - Sri Shivananda Jnanalaya, JLB Road, **8 pm.**

Basava Jnana Mandira: Shravanamasa Pujanushtana and Vishwadharma Vachana Pravachana Programme, Dr. Sunanda Bhupali talks on 'Shivasharaneyara Koduge,' Mandira premises, Muneshwaranagar, Mysuru-Nanjangud Main Road, **5 pm to 7 pm.**

Srikrishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust, Gokulam 3rd Stage: Srikrishna Sahasmama Bhajan by G.C. Puttaswamy and party, Mahamangalarathi and Prasada Viniyoga, Srikrishna Temple premises, **6 pm.**

Suttur Mutt, Mysuru: Shravanamaasa, Mass prayers, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Raghavanka's Harischandra Kavya,' Vyaakhyaana by Dr. B.V. Vasanthakumar, Vaachana by Gamaka Vidwan K. Ramachandra, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: 348th Aradhana Mahotsava, Rashi Puja, Mutt premises, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sushira - V. Desikachar's Academy of Music, Mysuru: 19th annual Music Festival, Nadaswara recital by **Vid. Melukote M.G. Sridhar** and party, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6.15 pm.**

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama: Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha programmes by Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Junior Pontiff of Avadhoota Datta Peetha, Satsang, Discourse, **6.30 pm;** Kakada Aarti to Lord Dattatreya, Ashrama premises, Datta Nagar, Ooty Road, **8 pm.**

Sri Shaneshwara Bhakta Mandali: 42nd Shraavanamasa Mahotsava, 'Harikathe' by Vid. Kalidasa and troupe, Mysuru, Temple premises, 1st Cross, Pensioners' Block, Rajendranagar, **7 pm.**

Sri Dattatreya Swamy Temple, Benki Nawab Street, Mandi Mohalla: Installation of Sri Shiradi Sai Baba idol in the name of Sri Datta Sai Baba, devotional songs by Vidu. Shashikala Kumar and troupe and Sai Baba Keerthana Programme, **7 pm;** Mahamangalarati, **9.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG.15)

Sadhana Mandira: Special Chanting Classes on Sri Lalitha Sahasranama Stotram by Sadhana Mandira's Acharya Swami Hamsananda, Brindavan Extension - Sadhana Mandira, 4th Cross, 1st Stage, **6.30 am;** Gokulam - Sri Krishna Temple, Chaitanya Bhavan, 6th Main, 4th Cross, **7.30 am;** Vijayanagar 3rd Stage - Saptamathruka Temple, **10.30 am;** N.R. Mohalla - Sri Prasanna Mahaganapathi Temple, **11.30 am;** V.V. Mohalla - Chandramoulishwara Temple, **12.30 pm;** Brindavan Extension - Sadhana Mandira, 4th Cross, 1st Stage, **3 pm;** Vijayanagar 1st Stage - Sri Ramakrishna Krupa, # 435, 6th Main, **4 pm;** Srirampura 2nd Stage - Balamuri Vinayaka Temple, Near Naidu Stores, **5 pm;** Kuvempunagar - Sri Ramana Jnana Kendra, Near Apollo Hospital, **6 pm;** Agrahara - Sri Sringeri Shankar Math (Fort Mohalla), **7 pm;** Lakshmipuram - Sri Shivananda Jnanalaya, JLB Road, **8 pm.**

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Sri Subrayadasa, Sri Prasanna Venkataramanaswamy Temple and Sri Raghavendraswamy Sannidhi, Krishna Vilas Road, Devaraja Mohalla: 348th Aradhana Mahotsava of Sri Raghavendraswamy, Satyanarayana Puje, **8 am.**

Gokulam Kodava Sangha: 13th Annual General Body Meeting, Gokulam Kodava Sangha, Kodava Samaja (Groud Floor), Gen. K.S. Thimmaiah Road, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **9.30 am.**

Sri Guru Raghavendra Seva Trust, 4th Stage, 10th Main Road, T.K. Layout: 348th Aradhana Mahotsava of Sri Guru Raghavendraswamy, Monthly Satyanarayana Puja, **11 am;** Sarva Samarpanotsava, Dhwajarohana, Dhana Dhanya Puja, Swasthivaschana, Mahamangalarathi, **7 pm.**

Shri Ravivarma Art Institute: Solo Line Drawing Expo by Dr. Lakshman Prasad (Senior Assistant Professor, School of Performing and Visual Arts, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi), Institute Art Gallery, Chamarajapuram, **11 am to 6 pm.**

Ajjana Mane Kala Prapancha: Musical programme titled 'Vaadya Sangama,' five-hour event features 60 young artistes from JSS School of Music, Mysuru; VGK Music Academy, Mysuru; Sri Krishnamurthy Shisyavrunda, Mysuru; Sri Sharada Sangeetha Vidyalaya, Shivamogga and Sri Swaraswa Sangeetha Vidyalaya, Hassan, performing together for the first time on stage, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **3 pm.**

Abhiruchi [Mob: 98455-65238]: Poets Meet and talks on 'Floods,' Prof. K. Bhyravamurthy inaugurates, Jayappa Honnali, Dr. Y.D. Rajanna and Dr. Leela Prakash chief guests, 'Abhiruchi' Secretary N.V. Ramesh presides, Big Bees Montesori School, Jodi Basava Temple Road, Kuvempunagar, **4 pm.**

Basava Jnana Mandira: Shravanamasa Pujanushtana and Vishwadharma Vachana Pravachana Programme, Dr. Mantelingachar talks on 'Vachanagalalli Kala Vaibhava,' Mandira premises, Muneshwaranagar, Mysuru-Nanjangud Main Road, **5 pm to 7 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Durga Sapthashati,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

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Suttur Mutt, Mysuru Branch: Moonlight Music programme - 215, vocal concert by Vid. Prasanna Venkataraman, accompanied by Vidu. Charulatha Ramanujam on violin and Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

Sri Gayatridevi Temple, Palace Fort premises: 108 Kalasha Sthapane and Gayatridevi Homa, Punyaha, Maha Ganapati Puja, Navagraha Puja, Mandala Puja, Temple premises, **6 pm.**

Sushira - V. Desikachar's Academy of

Music, Mysuru: 19th annual Music Festival, Vocal Concert by **Vid. Vivek Moozhikulam,** accompanied by Vid. B.K. Raghu on violin, Vid. B.C. Manjunath on mridanga and Vid. S. Raghavendra Prakash on ghata, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6.15 pm.**

Prajapitha Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru: Raksha Bandhana Mahotsava, Yaduveer Wadiyar and Trishikha Kumari Wadyar chief guests, BK Lakshmiji presides, Gyan Prakash Bhavan, 2nd Main Road, Yadavagiri, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Shaneshwara Bhakta Mandali: 42nd Shraavanamasa Mahotsava, staging of play by actress Rekhadas, Junior Vishnuvardhan & troupe, Temple premises, 1st Cross, Pensioners' Block, Rajendranagar, **7 pm.**

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I-Day Events

University of Mysore (UoM): 73rd Independence Day celebrations, VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar hoists the National Flag, in front of Crawford Hall, **7.30 am.**

Karnataka State Open University (KSOU): SENA Medal awardee Brigadier Vinod Kumar Adappa (retd.) hoists the Tricolour, KSOU VC Prof. S. Vidyashankar presides, opposite Administrative Block, KSOU premises, **7.45 am.**

Sri Nataraja Pratishtana, Sri Hosmutt: I-Day celebrations, Pratishtana President Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, Shaurya Chakra Awardee Col. Srikaraprabhu (retd.) chief guest, Pratishtana Special Officer Prof. K. Satyanarayana presides, College premises, **8 am.**

Mysuru District and City Freedom Fighters Association: I-Day celebrations, Association premises, Subbarayanakere, K.R. Mohalla, **8 am.**

District Administration: Hoisting of National Flag, Torch Light Parade Grounds, Bannimantap, **9 am.**

Ursu Mandali Sangha: Flag Hoisting, Sangha premises, Tyagaraja Road, **9 am.**

Dixit Arogya Dhama: Independence Day and Dixit Arogya Dhama's 5th anniversary celebrations, Sri Dhanvantari Homa, **7 am;** Kannada Scholar Dr. T.V. Venkatachalashastry hoists the Flag, **10 am;** Guru Vandane - Dr. P. Sudhakara Reddy, Shishya Abhinandane - Dr. N.R. Sushmitha and Dr. M.N. Nivedita, light music by Vid. H.S. Rakesh Iyer (vocal), Vid. Ganesh Bhat (keyboard) and Vid. Atmaram (tabla), **10.30 am onwards.**

Mudravalli Bairacharya Devamma Memorial Endowment: I-Day celebrations and Poets Meet, Poetry Competition titled 'Swatantra,' Dr. A.H. Shivananda (retd. Professor and 'Kanive Prakashana' Publisher), Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **10 am.**

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